

**BUSINESS**

# Craft of winemaking made simple at Vin Bon

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Advertising Features

Vin Bon Markham offers wine connoisseurs the opportunity to make their own fine wine beginning at only \$2.60 per bottle.

The three-year-old win-

ery is a family owned business run by Carlo Taddei and his son Fabio.

Wine with meals as well as the craft of winemaking are both family traditions for the Taddeis and getting into the business seemed a natural progres-

sion, Fabio says.

"It's very easy to make the wine and you can make it on the premises or at home," he adds. "For people who enjoy wine, making your own is not only a cost-effective alternative but it's an

interesting hobby and many of our clients take pride in offering guests their own home-made wines."

The company offers 28 different high quality grape juices to choose from as well as their

exclusive line of premium classic juices and all are fully guaranteed. From September to January choice juices come from California while February to August they are culled from Chile, Argentina, South Africa and Italy.

The process takes four to six weeks to complete and the duo also offer the home winemaker an array of supplies and personalized labels.

In addition, special corporate and wedding packages are available.

## Tips on finding professional tax preparer

If you are looking for a professional to help you file your taxes, take care in selecting your preparer as you would any other professional.

If your tax return is routine, a national tax service may be for you. These chains maintain franchise offices nationwide, and their main advantage is convenience. During tax time, offices may be open nights, weekends, and on a drop-in, first-come, first-serve basis. Each company has a set fee schedule with cost being determined by the number of lines and forms that are filed.

If your return is complicated, you may want to hire a public accountant or tax attorney. These tax preparers have more specialized training and, in case of an audit, may represent you before Revenue Canada. Tax attorneys and accountants may also be able to give advice on tax

and financial planning.

Do not be lured by companies that promise the "biggest refund" without even seeing your tax information. Fees should be based on the complexity of the return, never on the size of your tax saving or refund.


According to Revenue Canada, there are many common mistakes that delay refunds that tax filers can easily avoid, such as leaving off social insurance

numbers and postal codes, and writing illegibly. Revenue Canada recommends that filers use the pre-printed address label and notes that, contrary to popular belief, the use of the label does not lead to an audit. Errors in math can be fixed by Revenue Canada, and if the error changes your refund or payment amount, you will be notified.

Even if you are financially strapped, you must file a return. Many people who do not file for fear of not being able to pay additional taxes, are actually due a refund. If you owe additional taxes, but cannot pay the whole amount when you file your return, Revenue Canada will work out an agreement that will allow you to pay off your taxes in monthly installments.

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